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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS ULTIMATUM ON DCA

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SUMMARY: A TURKISH LANGUAGE DAILY REPORTED THAT A "NEW YORK
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TIMES" ARTICLE HAD STATED GOT PRESENTED A WRITTEN ULTIMATUM
TO THE USG TO RATIFY THE U.S.-TURKEY DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT (DCA) WITHIN TWO MONTHS OR U.S. MILITARY BASES IN
TURKEY WOULD BE CLOSED. PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IS ALSO
QUOTED AS SAYING THE ARTICLE IS "A TOTAL FABRICATION."
END SUMMARY.

1. MASS APPEAL "HURRIYET" PUBLISHED ON ITS FRONT PAGE
DECEMBER 1 AN ARTICLE BY DOGAN ULUC REPORTING THAT THE
"NEW YORK TIMES" HAD REPORTED THAT THE "DEMIREL GOVERNMENT
SENT A NOTE IN THE FORM OF AN ULTIMATUM BY COURIER TO THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE STATING THAT UNLESS THE U.S.-
TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE WITHIN
TWO MONTHS 7000 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL OPERATING 25
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BASES IN TURKEY WOULD BE ASKED TO
LEAVE."

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES:
-- A COPY OF "THE NOTE" WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER,
-- ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS CONTACTED BY THE REPORTER
"RECOGNIZED THAT THE STRONG NOTE WAS NO BLUFF",
-- THAT THE TURKISH FONMIN IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA TOLD
BOTH SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. KISSINGER OF "THE IMPORTANCE WHICH
TURKEY ATTACHES" TO THE DCA AND THAT KISSINGER PROMISED THE
FONMIN THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH VANCE,
-- THAT THE NSC WAS ESPECIALLY CONVENED TO DISCUSS WAYS
AND MEANS OF PRESENTING THE DCA TO CONGRESS,
-- THAT DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE RATIFICATION
OF THE DCA WILL NOT BE EASY IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
EVIDENT PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS OVER THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

3. "HURRIYET" ALSO REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING THE STORY OF AN ULTIMATUM WAS "A TOTAL
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FABRICATION. THERE IS NO SUCH THING."

4. COMMENT: "HURRIYET" WAS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER TO CARRY THE
STORY AND TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENTS.
USIS HAS RELEASED PORTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S
COMMENTS (REFTEL). MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL
RESPOND TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES BY STATING THAT THERE WAS NO
ULTIMATUM BUT THAT THE GOT HAS EXPLAINED TO HIGH U.S.
OFFICIALS ON MANY OCCASIONS THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN THE
CONTINUING DELAY IN RATIFYING THE DCA. IN THIS REGARD
THE MFA SPOKESMAN WILL SAY THAT THE "TIMES" STORY WILL NOT
BE HELPFUL.
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